GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3997
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USE OF SUB-STANDARD STATIONERY IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Poor stationery obliterating records` appearing in the Hindustan Times on February 16, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether sub-standard stationery is being used in Government offices and whether National archives have written to all Bureau of Indian Standards approved paper and ink; and

(d) the details of the paper and ink having BIS approval and the reasons for themnot being sold to the Government Departments by NCCF and Super Bazar the agencies approved by the Government to sell items to Government Departments ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SRINIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : Since different qualities of paper and varieties of ink are available in the market and all of them may not be of standard quality, the National Archives of India issued circular letters to all the Ministries/Departments of theGovt. of India to use good quality paper and ink as laid down by the Bureau of India standards under the relevant Indian standards for ensuring longevity of public records of permanent nature.

Super Bazar and NCCF supply stationery as per the specifications asked for by the indenting Departments.